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Conversation Between Mother and Child: "Mamma, Why Did You Marry Papa?" "So You've Begun to Wonder, Too?"—Atchison Globe

ROOSEVELT URGES BULL MOOSE TO BACK HUGHES

Colonel Formally Declines Nomination By Progressives

WILL SUPPORT G.O.P. NOMINEE

Third Ticket Would Be Move in the Interest of the Election of Wilson

Chicago, June 27.—Theodore Roosevelt, in a letter read to the progressive national committee in session here yesterday, finally declined to accept the presidential nomination of the party and strongly urged the organization to support Charles E. Hughes.

The colonel's letter was read by Oscar King Davis, secretary of the committee. In this letter Colonel Roosevelt said:

"In my judgment, the nomination of Mr. Hughes meets the conditions set forth in the statement of the Progressive national committee, issued last January, and in my own statements. Under existing conditions, the nomination of a third ticket would, in my judgment, be merely a move in the interest of the election of Mr. Wilson."

"I regard Mr. Hughes as a man whose public record is a guarantee that he will not merely stand for a program of cleanest straightout Americanism before election, but will resolutely and in good faith put in through if elected. He is beyond all comparison better fitted to be president than Mr. Wilson. It would be a grave detriment to the country to reject Mr. Wilson. I shall, therefore, strongly support Mr. Hughes."

"Mr. Hughes has shown in his career the instinct of efficiency which will guarantee that, under him, the government will once more work with vigor and force. He possesses that habit of straightforward thinking which means that his words will be correlated with his deeds and translated into facts. His past career is the warrant for our belief that he will be the unfaltering opponent of that system of invisible government which finds expression in the domination of the party boss and the party machine."

"His past career is a guarantee that whatever he says before election will be made good by his acts after election. Morally, his public record shows him to be a man of unending integrity; intellectually, it shows him to be a man of original and trained ability. We have the alternative of continuing in office an administration which has proved a lamentable failure, or of putting into office an administration which we have every reason to believe will function with efficiency for the interest and honor of all our people. I earnestly bespeak from my fellow Progressives their ungrudging support of Mr. Hughes."

New York, June 27.—Charles E. Hughes, republican nominee for president, sent a telegram to O. K. Davis, secretary of the progressive national committee, last night welcoming the support of the progressive party and arraigning the present administration for its "weakness and ineffectuality."

In making public the contents of the telegram, Mr. Hughes also gave out a letter he had written to Theodore Roosevelt, in which he declared the nation was indebted to Mr. Roosevelt "for the quickening of the national spirit and for the demand for an out-and-out 100 per cent Americanism."

The candidate told Mr. Roosevelt that he had "sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat, and I want you to feel that I wish to have all the aid you are able and willing to give me." The letter closed with an expression of a wish by Mr. Hughes to see Mr. Roosevelt soon.

The telegram to Secretary Davis was in response to a telegram from the secretary notifying Mr. Hughes that the progressives at Chicago yesterday had endorsed him. "I welcome the support of progressives," Mr. Hughes' message read. "We make common cause with the interest of national honor, of national security, of national efficiency. We unite in the demand for an undivided and unwavering loyalty to our country, and for a wholehearted patriotic devotion overriding all racial differences. We want a revival of the American spirit—a nation restored. We insist upon prompt and adequate provision for the common defense; upon the steadfast maintenance of all the rights of our citizens and upon the integrity of international law."

"I am deeply appreciative of your endorsement. I find no difference in platform or in aim which precludes the most hearty co-operation and the most complete unity. It is within the party that the liberalizing spirit you invoke can have the widest and most effective influence. I solicit your earnest effort for the common cause."

The letter to Mr. Roosevelt was as follows:

"I warmly appreciate the cordial

WRITTEN PROOF THAT MEXICANS BEGAN FIGHT

Responsibility Placed by Message on Capt. Boyd's Body

AMERICANS FEARED TREACHERY

Mexican Statements That Cavalrymen Attempted to Take Carrizal Refuted

Washington, June 26.—Secretary Baker announced today that a message had been found on the body of Capt. Chas. T. Boyd, who died fighting at Carrizal, which virtually proves that the American cavalrymen were on a peaceful mission when the fight with Carranzistas was precipitated.

The message is in the form of a carbon copy of a communication which Capt. Boyd addressed to the Mexican officials at Carrizal requesting the official permission for the American troops to pass through the town and asking that the proper military authorities be notified.

It lends strong support to the statements already made by other American troops that the Carranzistas treacherously attacked the little party of American troopers after permission had been granted to them to enter Carrizal.

It is at least evident that Capt. Boyd sought this permission in the usual way and thereby clearly indicated that his troops had no intention of violating instructions or of acting independently of the Mexican military authorities. Both at the State Department and the War Department the message found on Capt. Boyd's body is regarded as highly important evidence. Incidentally it completely disproves, officials say, the statement made by Mexicans that the American troops tried to attack and take the town of Carrizal or any part of it.

NEW ROAD BEING BUILT

New Thoroughfare Leading Off Silver Street

A new road fifteen hundred feet in length is being constructed on the East side of Silver street just at the top of the hill. The land through which the road passes was recently purchased by the American Land company which has its headquarters at Providence. Twenty men are now busy on the job clearing away the rocks and laying the road foundation.

After the road has been completed, building lots will be sold along its entire length and a new residential street will be added to the directory of Bennington. The work at present is under the personal charge of Andrew Johnson who is a road agent for the land company.

SQUIRRELS MIGHT GET THEM

Mayor Lea of El Paso Talks of "Peace Commission"

El Paso, June 26.—The general attitude of the American border public toward the "peace commission" headed by David Starr Jordan, which is to meet here for the purpose of considering the Mexican situation, is reflected in the statement of Mayor Tom Lea today, Mayor Lea said:

"The only suggestion I have to make is that they might hold their meetings in Peace Grove, across the river. I cannot offer them Washington Park, because the squirrels are running loose, and squirrels are unusually fond of nuts."

MEXICAN PESO GOES BEGGING

It Is Worth Only 2½ Cents in Spain Now

Madrid, via London, June 25.—Mexican money has now so depreciated in value that a peso is quoted at only 10 centimes, equivalent to 2½ cents in American currency. The money is without purchasers. A Mexican living here who was formerly wealthy now is in great distress.

letter of indorsement which you have sent to the progressive committee. No one is more sensible than I of the last indebtedness of the nation to you for the quickening of the national spirit, for the demand for an out-and-out 100 per cent Americanism and for the insistence upon the immediate necessity of a thoroughgoing preparedness, spiritual, military and economic.

Chicago, June 26.—The Progressive party swung in behind Charles Evans Hughes for President, through action here today by a large majority of the party's national committee.

With a handful of former Democrats and Republicans irreconcilable fighting to the last moment, but reduced on the vote indorsing Hughes to six negatives and nine refusals to cast ballots, against thirty-two in favor of the Republican candidate, the committee took action, pledging the party to go the whole route with Hughes.

JAMES H. KELLEY DEAD

Life Long Resident Passed Away at Home on Grove St. This Afternoon

James H. Kelley, a life long resident of Bennington, committed suicide at his home on Grove street this forenoon. During the past five years he had been helpless from rheumatism and hardening of the arteries. Recently a nervous breakdown was added to his afflictions and his hopeless condition so preyed upon his mind that he had been irresponsible for some months. Late this forenoon he was found in his room dead. The unfortunate man had succeeded in ending his troubles with a cord from his bathrobe.

James Henry Kelley was the son of Edward Kelley. He was born in Bennington 63 years ago and with the exception of about two years when he was employed on a railroad in Troy he had passed his entire life in the village. He had worked as a dyer for the Cooper Manufacturing company but for a number of years preceding his illness he had been a member of the police force and the village night watchman.

He always maintained an interest in town and village politics and, although a large number of his associates were of the opposite party, his activity never engendered animosity on the part of those with whom he differed. Kindhearted and generous, faithful to his friends under all circumstances, the news of his tragic end will be received with sincere regret in the community with which he had been identified for so many years.

He was three times married. The family survivors are a widow who was Mrs. Emma Conant, two daughters, Mrs. Adeline Daley of New York and Mrs. Margaret Trowbridge of Troy, four sons, Edward Leo, James W., Thomas J. and William M., of Bennington and a sister, Mrs. Frank Butterfield who resides in this village.

The arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

NO MEDIATION NOW

Lansing Insists Carranza Must Deliver U. S. Prisoners

Washington, June 26.—Through Ignacio Calderon, Minister from Bolivia, the Latin American diplomats in Washington were given to understand today by Secretary Lansing that the United States was not disposed at this time to entertain any proposals of mediation between this Government and Mexico. Although discouraged by the rebuff, the Latin American representatives at conferences among themselves later in the day agreed to ask their Governments to urge Gen. Carranza to give as satisfactory answer as possible to the demand for the release of the prisoners held at Chihuahua and for a statement as to his future course of action.

NORTH HOOSICK

Herbert Allen of Boston visited his parents recently.

Leslie Baker of Greenwich visited Miss Leta Allen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ellis spent the week end in Hoosick Falls.

Children's Day was observed in M. E. church Sunday evening.

Misses Ella and Marion Bull of Hoosick Falls were recent visitors in town.

Mrs. George Herrington and daughter, Ruth spent Saturday in Eagle Bridge.

Mrs. Clayton Hillman attended the convention at Center White Creek Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hillman entertained friends from out of town on Sunday.

Miss Carrie Nesbitt returned to Albany Friday after a few days visit with her mother.

Miss Phoebe Eeysimer of Hoosick Falls spent one day last week with Miss Ruth Herrington.

Mrs. Edward Sullivan and daughter, Helen of Greenwich are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Baker.

Miss Leah Herrington is spending a few days in Buskirk as the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. John McClure.

SHACKLETON RESCUE FAILS

Explorer Unable to Reach 22 Men on Elephant Isle

London, June 26.—Sir Ernest Shackleton in a telegram sent from Port Stanley yesterday says he returned there from an attempt to reach Elephant Isle, but greatly regrets to be unable to rescue his 22 comrades left in an ice hole. The ice conditions, he says, were much more difficult than in his previous attempt last May in a South Georgian whaler. He says that he has abandoned hope of saving them. With regard to food Sir Ernest says there is hope of a supply of penguins, as he saw penguins on the edge of the ice. These, he says, would supplement the food ashore, which consists mainly of bovine and rations, having a high caloric value.

ROOSEVELT AND HUGHES

Are to Dine at Hotel Astor Wednesday Night

New York, June 27.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Charles E. Hughes are to dine together at Hotel Astor Wednesday night. So far as known there are to be no other guests.

TO RENT—Flat on North street over Burns' Cigar Store. H. D. Fillmore, Village.

ELLIOTS TO ASSIST IN SHAKESPERIAN PRODUCTION

Julius Caesar to Be Given by Welfare Association

PROFESSIONALS TO TAKE PART

Three Public Performances to Be Held on the Evenings of August 3, 4 and 5.

Julius Caesar is coming to town. History declares he was cremated, but because he was written up by Shakespeare, he is not allowed, any more than the rest of the poet's characters, to rest in peace this year. The three hundredth anniversary of Shakespeare's death has been and is being commemorated all over the country by pageants, masques, and other productions on a large scale of the plays of the immortal poet, and Bennington, never far behind, is among the towns to have a celebration. At the suggestion of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elliot, whose volunteer help in the preparation of amateur performances in Bennington for ten and more years is appreciated by us all, the play Julius Caesar will be given here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first week in August.

It will be an out of door affair, under the auspices of the Public Welfare Association, and directed by the Elliots who have appeared on the stage many times in this very play. Mr. Elliot for a number of years playing Brutus to Mr. Faversham's Caesar. Mr. Elliot will be Brutus in our production, local people will take other parts. The cast will include a large number of people.

The Welfare association has appointed a committee of five to look after the business end of the production, and has engaged to supplement the committee Miss Sophie Wilds of New York, formerly of Middlebury. Miss Wilds held the position of executive secretary for the recent successful pageant of Newark, N. J., being for months in close touch with all its details, and is thoroughly capable of managing celebrations of this sort.

Miss Wilds was in town on Monday to consult with Mr. and Mrs. Elliot and the committee. She will return the twelfth of July, and will remain through the performances. It is planned to have three public performances, the first to take place the evening of August third, the second, the evening of August fourth, and the third the afternoon of Saturday, August fifth. The executive committee appointed by the officers of the Welfare association is as follows: George M. Hawks, Mrs. George F. Graves, Mrs. Robert E. Healy, Jeanette E. Perkins, John P. Milligan.

FRADET-TALBOT

Wedding Solemnized This Morning at Sacred Heart Church.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was solemnized this morning at the Sacred Heart church by Rev. C. E. Prevost when Miss Lucy Talbot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Talbot of Mill street became the bride of Odilon Fradet of Geneva, N. Y.

The bride was gown in a white embroidered net over white silk and wore a veil fastened with orange blossoms and carried white bridal roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Marion Durand, wore blue crepe de meteor trimmed with gold lace with a large white picture hat and carried white bridal roses. Mr. Fradet was attended by Napoleon Talbot, brother of the bride. After the ceremony dinner was served to a number of invited guests at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Fradet received many beautiful presents including cut glass, linen and silver. Mr. Fradet's going away gown was Copenhagen blue trimmed with white and white hat to match. After spending their honeymoon in Niagara they will be at home to their friends after July 15 at Geneva, N. Y.

BRYAN SHOWS SENSE

Refuses to Act on a Civilian Peace Commission

St. Paul, Minn., June 27.—William Jennings Bryan today declined to act on an unofficial civilian peace commission with David Starr Jordan and Frank P. Walsh to meet three Mexicans.

Mr. Bryan declared that the plan is neither opportune nor proper unless it line with the wishes of President Wilson.

Clear Skin Comes From Within

It is foolish to think you can gain a good clear complexion by the use of face powder. Get at the root of the trouble and thoroughly cleanse the system with a treatment of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Gentle and mild in action, do not gripe, yet they relieve the liver by their action on the bowels. Good for young, adults and aged. Go after a clear complexion today. 25c at your druggist.

RAISING NEGRO REGIMENT

Many Spanish-American War Vets Expect to Enlist

New York, June 26.—The first negro regiment in this state is in process of organization under the direction of Public Service Commissioner William Hayward. Mr. Hayward, who holds a commission as colonel in the reserve militia, has been asked by Governor Whitman to take charge of a movement which has been planned for some time by a number of leaders among the negroes here. Recruiting offices will be opened this week.

There are many negro Spanish-American war veterans in New York, and the officers think that a number of these men will enter the new organization. No color line will be drawn in the final appointment of officers. Efficiency is to be the sole consideration.

If the present plans are carried out, the regiment when organized will consist of twelve companies of infantry, one machine gun company, one supply company, one headquarters company and a band. The band is already arranged for through the co-operation of Europe's Orchestra, which has long been playing for dances in New York.

Although both in the civil and Spanish-American wars New York was represented by colored troops, they have never been organized as a distinctively New York force. At the time of the civil war an effort was made to form a New York regiment, but Gov. Horatio Seymour refused to authorize the organization and the negroes went in as national volunteers.

C. A. CALDERWOOD DEAD

Prominent Vermont Mason Dead at St. Johnsbury

St. Johnsbury, June 25.—Charles A. Calderwood, one of the State's most prominent Masons and well known in political circles, died at his home here this forenoon after an illness of about a year of diabetes. Mr. Calderwood's death was hastened by a slight attack of diphtheria which he suffered a few months ago.

The deceased was born at Greensboro in 1849 and was graduated from People's Academy of Morrisville. After teaching school a few terms he came to St. Johnsbury in 1875 and engaged in the furniture business in which he has since continued, celebrating the 40th anniversary of his entry into St. Johnsbury mercantile circles in 1915. He married Miss Ida Pinney of Greensboro, November 18, 1873, and she with three sons, Charles S., Clarence R. and Alvi P., survive him.

Mr. Calderwood was a 33rd degree Mason, and had been at the head of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; grand chapter, R. A. M.; Grand council, R. and S. M.; Grand Commandery, and was also a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He had held all of the offices in the local bodies and at his death was treasurer of all four lodges. He served his village as trustee two terms and represented St. Johnsbury in the State Legislature 1910-1912. He was for two years a trustee of the State hospital for the insane at Waterbury and was recently reappointed to that position by Governor Gates.

TO LIFT TAX ON TIMBER LAND

Committee Appointed to Frame New Laws

Rutland, June 25.—At a recent meeting of the State Forestry association held in this city, President Ernest Hitchcock of Pittsford was authorized to appoint a committee of three to investigate the tax legislation which applies to timber land in the State. These appointments were announced Saturday and they include three prominent men of the State: Ex-Congressman Frank Plumley of Northfield; Prof. A. F. Hawes of Burlington; State forestry commissioner and John N. Harvey of Montpelier, an attorney and former executive clerk under Gov. G. H. Proctor and at present assisting in the revision of the statutes under the direction of Lieut. Gov. Hale K. Darling.

The plan is to arrange some tax law which will not be such a heavy burden on lumbermen and others owning timber land as to compel the owners to devastate the lands to save taxes. The timber land will be assessed yearly, but lightly, and the tax collected when the timber is cut.

TABLET INSTALLED

Classmates of Late Commander J. H. Holden Pay Fine Tribute

A splendid tribute to the memory of the late Commander Jonas Hannibal Holden, U. S. N., of Burlington, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Holden of that city, who lost his life with the sinking of the steamship Marrowline during a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico on August 16, 1915, has been paid by the members of his class of 1896 at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., who regarded Commander Holden as their most beloved member. A bronze tablet has been installed on the northeast wall of Memorial hall in the midshipmen's quarters at the academy, on which are emblazoned the achievements of Commander Holden's life.

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NEGRO TROOPERS JOKED IN FIGHT AT CARRIZAL

Ambushed Cavalrymen Sang While They Returned Fire of Mexicans

BOYD'S CHARGE SPECTACULAR

Americans Forced to Scatter After Ammunition Had Become Exhausted

El Paso, June 27.—Four more survivors of the Tenth cavalry battle with the Mexicans have been rescued by Gen. Pershing's forces.

They escaped after the battle and finally found their way to the American column. They suffered terribly from lack of water and food.

Field Headquarters, Mexico, June 26, via wireless to Columbus, N. M., June 26.—American negro troopers faced at most certain death at Carrizal with smiles on their lips and they burst into song once or twice as they fought their grim fight against odds, is the story told by Captain Lewis T. Morey when he arrived at field headquarters today.

"For forty-five minutes the men fought, joking among themselves all the while, even though they realized we had been trapped and had little chance of getting out alive," he said. Captain Morey said he had never seen such valor as was displayed by Captain Charles T. Boyd in leading a handful of dismounted skirmishers through the machine gun fire and into the ambush of death. He added that it was not until their ammunition was exhausted that the troop was finally cut to pieces, and he told of the heroic death of Lieutenant Henry R. Adair of Portland Ore., in an attempt to replenish it.

Lieutenant Adair died fighting, his last words being, "Go on, sergeant," to a non-commissioned officer at his side, Captain Morey said.

The two were on their way to the back animals carrying the ammunition when they were intercepted near a small irrigation ditch by a detail of the Mexicans. Lieutenant Adair had already been wounded and had lost his pistol in the previous fighting, but he had borrowed another and was fighting a hand to hand battle when he was killed. He fell unconscious and was caught by the negro sergeant and he slid toward the ditch which was deeply filled with water.

The sergeant held Adair in his arms, his face above the water until he died, the wounded officer reviving only long enough to whisper orders to leave him and finish the mission.

REAL HARD LUCK STORY

Kentuckian Tells of His Misfortunes on Derby Day

Cynthiana, Ky., June 25.—Carl Musser has a hard luck story. He started for Louisville to see the Derby, and took the train that was jolted in a head-on collision at Kenney Station, two miles south of Paris, when the two trains due to pass there tried to pass on the same track.

He wasn't hurt, but was shaken up some and lost a little of his nerve. Then at the Derby he was given a straight tip by Martin Doyle on George Smith, and bet \$2. The ticket called for \$10.80. George won, all right but when Carl went to cash his ticket he found some gentleman with light fingers and deft touch had lifted the ticket from his coat pocket and left Carl nothing.

As a finishing touch he missed his train and had to come home by automobile, going many miles out of his way in Shelby county to get around bridges that were being rebuilt and not getting home until 5 o'clock in the morning.

TROUT BITES ANGLER'S FACE

Californian Can Produce Proof of His Story

Pasadena, Cal., June 25.—J. A. Johnston is ill and suffering intense pain as the result of a fish bite. In company with three friends Johnston was fishing for trout in Deep Creek.

He spotted a twelve inch trout and tried for an hour to land him. When the fish dodged under a rock to hide Johnston stooped down to peer under the stone, the top of which was on a level with the surface of the water, to see where to throw the next bait, when the wily fellow nabbed him on the cheek and refused to let go until Howard Elmerberg and Carl Christensen came to the rescue and beat the trout off with the butt of their fishing poles.

Had it not been for a quart bottle of whiskey which the men had with them Johnston thinks he might not be living as the bite of the fish proved as poisonous as that of a rattlesnake.

His face is badly swollen and the inflammation extends into his left arm. Johnston says he will never again go closer to a trout than from the end of the pole.

VERMONT TROOPS LEFT TODAY FOR EAGLE PASS

Infantry Regiment Now on Way to Mexican Border

CAVALRY TO GO WHEN EQUIPPED

Guardsmen Must Travel in Ordinary Coaches as No Other Cars Are Available

Burlington, June 27.—The Vermont national guard, about 900 strong, is today on its way to Eagle Pass, Tex. The order for the troops to entrain was received at midnight but there was a delay owing to the inability of the transportation companies to provide the necessary cars at an earlier hour.

When it became known yesterday morning that the regiment was under orders to leave for the Mexican border Burlington planned to give the soldiers a royal send-off and at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon, headed by the Sherman band, 100 automobiles, decorated with the Stars and Stripes, as many teams, motorcycles, bicycles and hundreds of persons on foot, nearly everybody and every equipage adorned with red, white and blue, paraded up Church and Pearl streets to Winslow and thence to the camp ground.

The crowd that came to say good bye did not all come from Burlington. Many came from Rutland, St. Albans, Montpelier, Barre, Northfield and other places to wish God speed to the men who have responded to their country's call.

Adj. Gen. Tillotson had planned to send the men on their southern journey in tourist cars that they might sleep as they sleep at home but in this he was disappointed as the best transportation equipment that can be provided will be ordinary railroad coaches.

The Massachusetts and New Hampshire regiments will have no better equipment and the Vermonters are not complaining.

The train travels in four sections. The first carries the heavy baggage and includes wagons loaded on flat cars one large automobile truck and the horses. The remaining sections convey the troops, their personal baggage and the rations.

The regiment is equipped with five day rations. This is significant as meaning that the regiment will be on the way five days before reaching its destination. At Bennington, N. Y., shoes and socks will be taken aboard the train. These are being sent by express from some point to intercept the train at this point.

The route will be to Brattleboro, East Northfield, Mass., Mechanicville, Bennington, N. Y., Chicago, Kansas City, San Antonio and Eagle Pass, Tex. At the destination the Vermont regiment will brigade with two other regiments and it is hoped with regiments from other eastern states. The adjutant general, the quartermaster's corps, composed of Major Watson, Captain Walter L. Eastman and Captain L. A. Hall, and the inspector general, Major L. E. Taylor, will not accompany the regiment. They may be called to the front later.

The companies leave about 70 strong. There will be a number of men left behind owing to lack of equipment but as they are supplied they will be hurried to the southern destination.

A small detail of infantry and the cavalry will also remain and enlisting will continue. As soon as the cavalry, known as the Norwich cadets, is brought up to required numbers it will be hurried southward. Fifteen of the cadets failed to take the oath owing to their age and the reluctance of parents to give consent. President Wilson's order for the mobilization of state troops was issued under the old law governing the national guards but the oath taken was under the new law which calls for six years' service, three years of active service and three in the reserve line.

Vermonters have reason for feeling proud of the regiment that is soon to be on its way to the Rio Grande. Few have been dropped out by medical inspection, not over three per cent. In 1898 when Vermont troops mobilized at Fort Ethan Allen, preparatory to their departure for Chickamauga, fully 25 per cent failed to pass the physical demands. Col. Ira L. Reeves is elated over this condition.

President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college came to the regiment today as chaplain. He took the oath yesterday and today appeared in his regimentals.

A crowd of 20,000 persons were on the grounds at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and all the equipment of the Burlington electric road was turned into use to transport people to the grounds.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont probably local showers to night. Wednesday fair and cooler.